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SUBJECT: DISAGREEMENT ON LABOR UNITY PROCESS

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1. SECRETARIAT OF FEDERATION CGIL, CISL, UIL (CCU) UNABLE DURING MARCH 22 MATING AGREE ON PREMISES FOR DISCUSSING ACCELERATION OF ORGANIC UNITY AS PROPOSED BY CISL SECRETARY GENERAL STORTI. OPPOSITION CAME NOT ONLY FROM UIL MAJORITY BUT ALSO FROM SECRETARIAT OF CISL WHERE MODERATE FRANCO MARINI APPEARS TO BE RESUMING ALLIANCE WITH CISL MINORITY OPPONENTS OF ORGANIC UNITY SUCH AS PAOLO SARTORI.

2. IN VIEW OF OPPOSITION TO STORTI PROPOSAL TO CREATE TRO-PARTITE COMMISSION TO ELABORATE NEW UNITY DOCUMENT AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION DURING MID-APRIL MEETING OF CCU GENERAL COUNCIL, STORTI VOLUNTEERED ON PERSONAL INITIATIVE TO PUT TOGETHER PAPER FOR DISCUSSION PARIL 3 BY CCU SECRETARIATE.

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3. COMMENT. CURRENT DISAGREEMENT WITHIN CCU SECRETARIAT
OVER UNITY STRATEGY IS FUNCTION OF INTERNAL DIFFERENCES
WITHIN THREE MEMBER CONFEDERATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
ACCENTUATED BY RECENT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL. SOME SOURCES
WITHIN ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT ARE SUGGESTING PROPOSED MID-
APRIL MEETING OF CCU GENERAL COUNCIL MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL
AFTER JUNE REGIONAL ELECTIONS. SUBJECT ELECTIONS IN
AND OF THEMSELVES ARE A FURTHER FACTOR WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED
TO CONTINUE TO HEIGHTEN DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ITALIAN
LABOR MOVEMENT AS POLITICAL PARTY CONSIDERATIONS BECOME
MORE IMPERATIVE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE EXPECT SOME
DIFFERENCES WITHIN THE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT MAY, AS LEAST,
BE PAPERED OVER FOLLOWING THE MID-YEAR ELECTIONS WHEN UNITY
OF ACTION WILL BECOME IMPORTANT AS THE THREE CONFEDERATIONS
FACE A NEW CYCLE OF NATIONAL CONTRACT RENEGOTIATIONS.VOLPE

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